

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

APPRECIATION OF WAL-MART'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NATIONAL WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL

HON. ASA HUTCHINSON

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 20, 2000

Mr. HUTCHINSON. Mr. Speaker, I recently stood on our National Mall between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument, near the site of the planned memorial to honor our World War II veterans. I was delighted to join Senator Dole and others at the site, and I rise today to thank Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. and its thousands of associates for their contributions to the memorial.

Wal-Mart has raised \$14.5 million for the World War II Memorial, the largest single contribution to the memorial. Store employees from across the country mounted a nine month grassroots fundraising drive to raise \$9 million in funds, which the Wal-Mart Foundation partially matched.

The World War II Memorial will be a fitting tribute to our country's noble generation which defeated nazism, preserved freedom, and taught us all what sacrifice really means. On behalf of the Third Congressional District of Arkansas, I would like to thank Wal-Mart employees and all those who have worked to so honor our veterans.

HONORING LARRY CALLOWAY

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 20, 2000

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise to call to the attention of the House the retirement of a leading journalist and commentator for the State of New Mexico. Larry Calloway, who stepped down this month from his regular column at the Albuquerque Journal, will be missed by thousands of readers who were faithful followers of his thrice-weekly column. His refreshing and anecdotal comments, which covered civic activities and politics, were always immensely interesting and entertaining. His remarkable contributions to the people of New Mexico cannot be understated. Thank you, Larry, and best wishes in your new endeavors.

[From the Albuquerque (NM) Journal, April 1999]

Columnist Larry Calloway, with great suspicion, has covered about 25 regular sessions of the New Mexico Legislature and an alarming number of political campaigns. His column appears like clockwork, Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, on the Editorial page. An outsider, he loves New Mexico and its di-

verse people but has not fallen in love with its politicians.

He had a promising Western wire service career going when he arrived in Santa Fe from Denver in a used 1962 Ford Fairlane junker with all his possessions in the back. He had already worked for United Press International at news bureaus in Helena, Montana, Salt Lake City and Denver, with brief temporary assignments in San Francisco and Topeka, Kansas. New Mexico ended his travels. He stuck, got married and began raising a family of two daughters.

His first in-depth experience with New Mexico politics was the Rio Arriba County courthouse raid on June 5, 1967. He was tied up, pushed around, paraded through Tierra Amarilla, threatened with hanging and shot at. He escaped at a State Police roadblock and wondered, "Was it something I wrote?"

It has been that way ever since. Calloway has been reviled by Democrats for his "monkey speech" story that contributed to the defeat of U.S. Sen. Joseph M. Montoya. He has been denounced by both the regulators and the regulated for revelations about things like monopoly bus companies. He has been excoriated in letters to the editor by activists, candidates, lobbyists and governors for discussions of things like real estate deals, political hiring and no-bid contracts. He has been castigated frequently by legislators in open sessions of both houses.

Before all that, Calloway was born innocent in Wyoming and raised in Colorado. He was educated in the Denver public Schools, at the University of Colorado-Boulder (BA, philosophy of science) and at Stanford University (professional journalism fellowship). He has worked and traveled in Asia.

Calloway was with The Associated Press in Santa Fe through the 1970s and joined the Journal in 1980 as the founding editor of Journal North. Politically, he prefers to describe himself only as "journalist," meaning that he looks for the truth behind the clichés and ideologies and tries to write it. He has written a book of fiction, "Guide to the San Juans," and is writing a book of nonfiction on his lengthy visit to New Mexico, something that probably will have "outsider" in the title.

HONORING PETER J. LIACOURAS UPON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ROBERT A. BORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 20, 2000

Mr. BORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor President Peter J. Liacouras, who is retiring after an unprecedented 18 years at the helm of Temple University.

President Liacouras has been called "a man who reminisces about the future." Under his guidance, Temple University has achieved national prominence as a model public research university in a central-city setting, with suburban and international locations and programs.

A Temple professor of law for nearly four decades, and a former Dean of Temple's Law School, Mr. Liacouras has presided since 1982 over an institution with a distinguished faculty, including some 29,000 students on seven campuses in the Philadelphia region which encompasses successful campuses in Rome and Tokyo. Temple has 16,000 full-time and part-time employees, a renowned Health Sciences Center and Temple University Health System, 200,000 alumnae and alumni in 92 nations around the world, and 16 schools and colleges, offering bachelor's degrees in 135 areas, master's in 82 fields, and doctoral degrees in 49 areas.

President Liacouras's career has been characterized by six constants: continuous pursuit of excellence; (2) opening of universities and professions to persons from historically underrepresented groups; (3) a hard-nosed commitment to fiscal responsibility; (4) leadership from historically underrepresented groups; (3) a hard-nosed commitment to fiscal responsibility; (4) leadership in effectuating change; (5) far-reaching academic improvements in the institution, with close and respectful collaboration with neighbors; and (6) the view that the human condition is universal, and education should be viewed simultaneously in the prism of the world and the local neighborhood.

The son of Greek immigrants, Mr. Liacouras, as Dean of Temple Law School, became a national leader in developing model programs of university and community cooperation, as well as fair and sensible admissions policies for professional schools.

Under Mr. Liacouras, Temple's objectives have included: revitalizing its Main Campus, which, as a result, is providing the spark for the first tangible renewal of a long-neglected section of the City of Philadelphia; strengthening undergraduate, graduate, and professional education in the region, nation, and world; restructuring Temple's schools and college to meet the needs of students and to recognize the rapidly changing environment of higher education; using Temple's resources to improve urban public education; strengthening the University's research mission; providing and expanding health care for all citizens, regardless of ability to pay; building better community relations.

Mr. Speaker, Peter J. Liacouras should be commended for his extraordinary leadership and integrity as the steward of one of our great public institutions of higher learning, Temple University.

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